

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1-39 have been canceled, without prejudice, to advance prosecution.

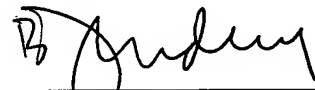
The applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 40-76 in Paper No. 7. Upon entry of the present Amendment, claims 40-76 will be the only pending claims and a Notice of Allowance is requested.

The claims are submitted to be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is requested. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned if anything further is required in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,

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